



The Parish Messenger

June 2016

The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

State College, Pennsylvania

PARISH MISSION TRIP

July 17-23, 2016

**Please sign up and have forms in
by Friday, June 10. Thank you!**

Be a volunteer this summer!

You will be the hands and feet of Christ helping others.



Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard poverty housing and homelessness. Get involved in this worthwhile ministry! Work alongside the future homeowners building and renovating houses which are then sold to partner families at no profit and with no interest on the mortgage. Cost: \$150 for the first family member; \$100 for each subsequent family member.

All participants must complete the linked forms.

[Information and Medical/CommunityStandards forms](#)

THE ART PORTAL



Caravaggio: The Incredulity of St. Thomas (c. 1602)

This Month: a new article in Arts @ St. Andrews (<http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com>), “*Robert Elsmere: A Lost Religious Classic*”, by distinguished historian and fellow parishioner Philip Jenkins.

Also scroll down the main page for previous blogs: 1) Donald Hopkins on Beethoven’s Late Quartets; 2) Walter Wells & Gwen Catchen on Thomas Beveridge’s *Yizkor Requiem* (1994), recently performed in State College; and 3) Matthew Thompson on Charles Darwin as a thinker and writer, now with additional material by the author (click “Comments” just below the title of the article). All of the authors welcome your comments and conversation on the blog.

The new website is sponsored by parishioners involved in the creation, interpretation, and teaching of the arts, and devoted to the exploration of the relationship between Christian faith and the arts. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the capacity of imagination to express, examine, and enrich our spiritual journey. The website currently contains several sections: “Articles” (the main blog featuring the pieces listed above), “Reviews”, “Film Series, and “Announcements” (of forthcoming events at church or elsewhere in the community). The “Articles” and other tabs appear just below the Arts @ St. Andrews title at the top of the main page.

For inquiries, comments, or contributions to the site, including announcements of current or future events, please contact Marion & Sanford Schwartz at standrewarts@gmail.com

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet Saturday afternoon, June 4 at 12:30PM. We will continue working on baptismal quilts so that we can build our inventory, and will work to complete a couple of prayer quilts that are in varying states of completion. If you know how to use a needle, or if you can sew a straight line with a sewing machine, please join us. The fellowship is wonderful, and you just might pick up a new hobby. If you have any questions please call Michele Marini at 814-574-9639.

FROM THE WARDENS



Dear Friends in Christ at St. Andrews,

As we transition into the summer and the hustle and bustle of State College and Penn State dies down a bit, we wanted to let you know that we are continuing to lay the foundation in our search for our next settled rector. We have been learning about the process of a rector search, and have talked with various people who have been involved in previous rector searches.

The vestry, with consultation of many members of the congregation, have identified nearly two dozen members and have contacted them to explore their interest in being considered to serve on the search. Upon completion of this list, we will select about nine non-vestry members. The committee will also include one vestry liaison.

In parallel, we will begin the process of developing our parish profile. The profile will be developed through a parishioner questionnaire and facilitated “listening” events later in the summer and early fall. Once developed, this profile will have a two-fold purpose. It will allow us to craft a snapshot of our parish as we now are. It will also guide the search committee on the future direction of the parish and the leadership needed to facilitate our growth.

To develop our parish profile, we will use an electronic survey. The survey should be completed by every confirmed or received member of the congregation. This means multiple surveys will be completed within a family. However, this also means that only one survey should be completed per email address. If you share an email address with a spouse or child or do not use email, we will have paper questionnaires available.

At this point, it is a good idea to update your email address with the parish office. If you receive the monthly Messenger and the weekly updates by email and this email is correct, you do not need to do anything. If you haven’t provided (or updated) e-mail addresses to the church office, please put that on your to-do list. If you prefer to receive the questionnaire in paper form, you will be able to request that once they are ready for distribution.

We are excited that the work is progressing; however, remember that it will take at least a year to complete. Our communication together continues to be a two-way street. Please do not hesitate to talk to either of us or any vestry member with thoughts, concerns, or needs. We maintain an e-mail and check it regularly: wardens@standrewsc.org.

Please keep the vestry, the search committee, and Father Doug in your prayers as we seek to do God’s will.

Blessings,

Wendi Keeler, Senior Warden
David Spencer, Junior Warden

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK GROUP



The St. Andrew's Book Group has selected *Silence* by Shusaku Endo as its selection for June. *Silence* is a historical novel that tells of a group of Portuguese Jesuit priests who travel to Japan in the 17th century. *The New York Times Book Review* has hailed it as "a masterpiece." The book is now being made into a film by Martin Scorsese starring Liam Neeson. The group will meet on Tuesday, June 28, in the library to discuss the book. All are welcome.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



Daughters of the King have been busy making sheep for the diocesan THRIVE event on June 4th at the Ramada Inn. If you will be attending THRIVE, you may see one of these woolly cuties there!

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary. We will be looking at our collection of BCPs to determine which ones need to be replaced due to wear and tear. All are welcome to join us. If you would like more information about our upcoming projects or Daughters of the King at St. Andrew's, please contact any one of the Daughters listed here:

Kitty Mussett, Chapter President
Vicky Ponish, Chapter Treasurer
Pam Couch
Michele Hamilton
Mena Jones
Kelley Paulsen

Linda Hoover, Chapter Vice President
Michele Marini, Diocesan President
Anne Jones
Darlene Nordoff
Mavis Stapleford

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursday, June 2: Room 325

9:30 AM: Last Meeting before summer

At approximately 10 AM, the group will be taking a walk together.



The women of Compassionate Life met twice in May. We continue to pray, laugh and learn together as we continue our card ministry and consider program possibilities to begin in September. At our last meeting our guest speaker was Penny Eifrig - thank you to Sylvia Neely for arranging this opportunity for us to learn about some aspects of climate change and its influence on refugees. Penny gave us personal insight into her volunteer work with refugees in Berlin and has invited us to keep informed about her work when she returns

to Germany in June.

Penny said in an email: "Thank you to your group members who made such generous donations! I received \$165 today and I can't wait to get back to spend it on the kids! I am thinking about getting phone cards for some of the families so they can stay connected (you can get a monthly plan in Germany for about 6 euros for the basics). Should anyone have old smart phones (they don't have to be fancy), that is one thing that I am looking to bring back. It is a way for people to stay in touch, and while many have phones, there are still plenty who don't, and it really is like a lifeline."

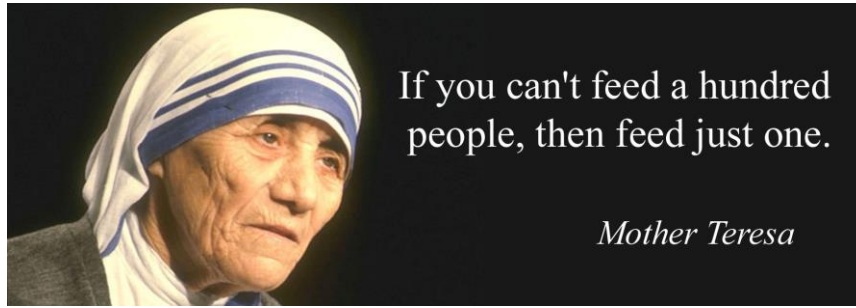
You may still make a donation to assist Penny with her volunteer efforts. Simply write a check to Penny - you may drop your check or old smart phone to the church office, and Darlene will be sure to get it to her.

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN



There will be a Safeguarding God's Children class in early July. Please check your weekly bulletin for further announcements. That date has not yet been determined as it must accommodate Stepping Stones who begin their residency at St. Andrew's on June 27. You will be notified in the event you need to attend that class to update your training. Others who do not need the beginning class will receive notification when they need to update online. Thank you from Barb Downs and Vicky Ponish!

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



The Community Café would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the Café over the last several years. The Café would not operate as joyfully or efficiently as it does every week without the help of its volunteers or support of the parishioners of St. Andrew's.

On Saturday, June 4, Ron Rovanseck will be accepting an award presented by the diocese at the #FeedJustOne THRIVE Leadership Development Day at the Ramada Conference Center on North Atherton in recognition of this wonderful ministry. However, the award is not for Ron, but for all the volunteers, past, present and future as well as St. Andrew's.

To become a new volunteer at the Café, please contact Ron at rrovanseck@pacewater.com. We cook dinner every Thursday from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM and we particularly need help in this area. Any experience level is acceptable. If you like cooking, want to learn how to cook, or have a friend who wants to get involved, just show up any Thursday – around noon is ideal – and we will get you involved.

Finally, the dinner is open to everyone, and those who can afford to put money in the jar are subsidizing the meals for those who can't. The more diners of all walk of life we have, the better. Invite your family, friends and colleagues to stop by for the best meal in State College every Thursday from 5 PM- 7PM.

THE GARDENS OF ST. ANDREW'S



To put it plainly, St. Andrew's is blessed to have Frank Barksdale as a parishioner. Not only is he always ready to help anyone in need, he has given our church the gift of beautiful gardens. His latest garden is alongside the church and actually incorporates pieces of the stone that were removed for a construction project. Please stop by and visit, as Father Doug says, "his wondrous work." Thank you, Frank.

MAY VESTRY MEETING



Vestry met on Monday, May 16. A message from the treasurer, Sue Stephenson, noted that although there are no red flags in the financial picture yet, the reserve heading into the summer months is rather low, so care in spending is particularly in order. Please remember that St. Andrew's continues to operate during summer vacation times, so please continue to make contributions and pledge payments over the summer.

Recent network enhancements partially funded by the diocese will provide better capabilities for streaming events to and from St. Andrew's. The website revision project begun last year is back on track and will be completed in the near future. Check the website frequently to discover new features.

The wardens continue their work on developing a plan for the parish listening event to collect information to be included in the parish profile needed before the search for a new rector can begin. They also continue in the development of candidates for the rector search committee.

In other business, the Property Committee reported a very successful Spring Cleanup Day, and it provided updates on projects to be done in the near future to maintain and enhance the facilities at St. Andrew's. A memorial stone and plaque will be placed in memory of Jake Correll.

Last, but certainly not least, there was discussion about the need for delegates to represent St. Andrew's at the annual diocesan convention to be held in Lancaster on October 14-15. A formal request for volunteers can be found in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hoover

DELEGATES FOR 2016 DIOCESAN CONVENTION



Vestry is calling for volunteers to be delegates representing St. Andrew's at the 2016 Diocesan Convention to be held October 14 – 15 at Spooky Nook Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Diocesan Convention is the annual business meeting for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania during which the diocesan budget for the next year is reviewed, resolutions are considered, and general diocesan business conducted.

Delegates must meet the same criteria as for serving on vestry: registered as members of St. Andrew's, adult communicants in good standing, confirmed or received by a bishop of the Episcopal Church, 18 years or older, and a financial contributor of record during the year. In addition, the delegates must travel to and from the convention site in Lancaster and attend the convention business meetings.

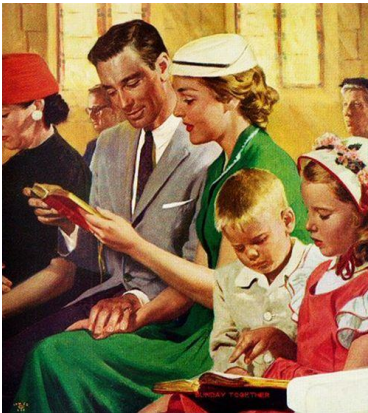
The church will cover the convention registration fee for anyone serving as a delegate for St. Andrew's, and the cost of overnight accommodations, if needed. The cost of attending convention should not deter anyone interested in serving as a delegate. If interested, please contact Fr. Doug at intrector@standrewsc.org or 237-7659 no later than Sunday, June 12.

A NOTE FROM ROBIN



John and I arrived in Missouri and we've unloaded our "stuff!" We have wonderful memories of the retirement party and our lives we shared together. I wear my open-heart necklace daily; when I hold it in my hand, I feel comfort and connection to my parish family. Thank you – together we remain in prayer ~ Robin

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Children's Church School The last day of church school for Young Children & Worship, Godly Play and 5th/6th grade classes is this Sunday, June 5. Thank you to the teachers who prepare engaging and informative lessons and share their faith and love of Christ with the children. Instead of Children's Chapel this summer, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship services, to give them opportunities and time to focus on their worship tradition. Children can also learn from materials in quiet bags available in the Narthex. Thank you to Andrea and PJ McCloskey for their quiet bag ministry – Andrea and PJ change the bags and materials to mark the seasons of the church year.



Godly Play Training There is still time to register and join four St. Andrew's parishioners on Saturday, June 11, as they participate in a Godly Play training session entitled *Engaging God's Playful Word: Parables Honoring the Spirituality of Children* in Shippensburg, PA. You will learn the processes and Core stories of Godly Play, as well as the theology behind these practices. There are three modules that may be attended in any order over time. Participants may build credit toward Core Training certification. The next module *Building Holy Rituals & Spaces: Liturgical Action & Creating Sacred Environments* will be held on Saturday, September 24, again in Shippensburg. For more information, please contact Darlene Nordoff.

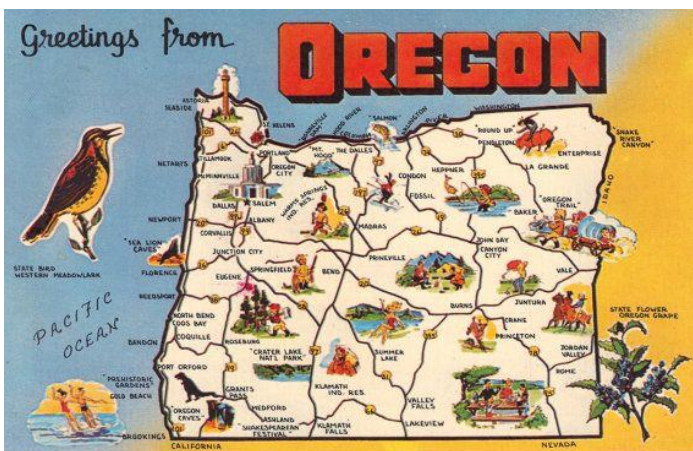


Rite-13, J2A and YAC The Journey to Adulthood End-of-Cycle Celebration will take place Sunday, June 5, from noon to 2 PM at Circleville Park. Rite-13, J2A and YAC youth and their families and leaders are invited! Use the entrance off Valley Vista and Little Lions Road; the pavilion will be on the left. Hamburgers and hotdogs, beverages and dessert will be provided. Bring a side dish or appetizer and outdoor games to share!



Youth Program Meeting Thank you to all who attended and participated in the youth program meeting on Sunday evening, June 22. There was opportunity to enjoy a leisurely pizza and salad meal, and time to learn about Fr. Doug's experience with youth ministry and the Journey to Adulthood curriculum. Darlene provided a picture of attendance for children through youth for the next academic year.

There was support for the new grouping of middle school and high school, and time to engage in discussion of our youth programs. Since Bishop Audrey Scanlan is scheduled to visit St. Andrew's in March 2017, St. Andrew's high school youth will be participating in confirmation classes beginning in September in order to make an informed decision about confirmation for the spring. If you are interested in participating in a committee to explore and revise curriculum for the middle school program, please contact Darlene.



J2A Pilgrimage

*And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left,
your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
"This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21*

Please pray for our pilgrims Ryan Couch, Gillian Dash, Jake Hall, Anna Kwasnica, Patrick Osborne, Leah Patzkowsky, Zach Paulsen, Connor Shea, Becky Van Kirk, and Katrina Wanner; and leaders Amy Allison, Paul Humphreys, Ted Jaenicke and Sharon

Rovansek as they travel to Portland, OR, where they will be staying at Mt. Angel Abbey. Also, please pray for their Wonder Voyage facilitator Brittany Golden. Thank you to Frank Barksdale for his experience, encouragement and support as the pilgrims prepare to seek God in places unfamiliar to them.

A FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE VAN KIRK FAMILY!

Please join us on Sunday, June 19, after the 10 AM Holy Eucharist in Canterbury Hall for a special gathering to wish the Van Kirk family well as they move to South Carolina.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

June 15-19, 2016
Youth Summer Retreat
Grades 6-12
Theme: CPA Rocks!



All will be gathering in Jersey Shore at the Susquehanna House, 8664 South Rt. 220, Linden, PA, for the summer retreat. Mission work opportunities will be done around the Williamsport and Jersey Shore area. Enjoy hiking, tubing, camp fires, singing, worshiping together, and many more activities. Only \$150 per person. Scholarships are always available. A packing list and emergency form will be sent once youth are registered. You can register online at <http://www.diocesecpa.org>. Go to the lower box on the right to register for this event.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

St. Andrew's would like to congratulate all of our June graduates!



“Be bold, be courageous, be your best.” *Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords*

High School

Erin Bevilacqua
Isabel Brady
Anya Hoaglund
Helen Karp
Isabel Najjar
Katri Randall
David Rovansek
Sam Patzkowsky
Nicholas Wanner

College & Advanced Degrees

Linden Allison
Jack Bagby
Madison Bastress
Hannah Boston
John Connor
Julia Dawson
Andrea deCarle

A PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS



For all who travel this summer, be it near or far:

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular the congregation and families of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
(From the Book of Common Prayer, page 81)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Ann and Dick Gibboney on the death of their son,
DAVID DODGE GIBBONEY
September 11, 1967 - May 9, 2016
Service and interment at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
May 14, 2016

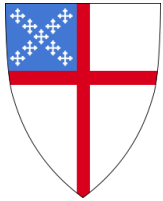
Vicky and Tony Ponish on the death of their grandson,
KAI PAUL HRABOVSKY
on May 14, 2016
(son of Jennifer Ponish, nephew of Elyse Ponish)

Carol Robie on the death of her sister,
BARBARA YOUNGFLESH
On May 26, 2016

TRANSFERRED OUT



Clark Meachem - commended to State College Presbyterian
Don and Gina Leon - transferred to Grace Lutheran Church
John Connor - transferred to Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Pennsylvania



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Kate Freeman
Beth Jones
Linda Mace
Sandy Schwartz

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist